THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The project of BPCL could not be approved for want of environmental clearance. Government constituted an Expert Committee to look carefully into the environmental aspects involved in the location of the project. The Expert Committee has submitted its report to the Ministry of Environment, who are processing it.

Approval for projects set up by the public sector units under the Ministry is governed by various techno-economic considerations of demand supply, avajlability of feedstock etc., and based on the reports of Expert Committees.

Import of equipments for power generation

2835. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1417 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th August, 1988 and state:

(a) what is the number of alternators imported after 1980 from foreign companies and supplied to Indian customers including ONGC, IOC, etc.;

(b) what are the names and addresses of the Indian agents/associates of M/s. Electrim, Poland who were given orders worth about Rs. 30 crore by BHEL, the value of the agency commission etc. received from foreign company/BHEL by them; and

(c) what are the reasons for importing the equipment when indigenous capacity was available with BHEL/other Indian companies?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) No alternator was imported by BHEL.

(b) BHEL had subcontracted directly on M/s. Electrim, Poland for the supply of two 60 MW Boilers and no agents were involved.

(c) Indigenous equipment suppliers were not able to meet the delivery required by SAIL at that time.

Problems for the LPG consumers created by the LPG dealers/Distributors in Delhi

2836. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3608 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether any complaints have since been received especially against the agencies of Kalkaji area, New Delhi about forcing the consumers for purchasing gas stoves from their shops while issuing new LPG connections;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government against the defaulters; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that some gas agencies do not issue new gas connections or transfer the connections to other agencies without the production of ration card and some gas agencies issue the double cylinders to the consumers who have shifted their residence in or outside Delhi only on the production of S.V. Nos. certificate from the original agency which had issued the first cylinder to them, if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) During the last 6 months, 5 complaints were received in this regard against 3 distributors operating in the Kalkaji area of New Delhi. After investigation, the distributors have been cautioned not to give room for such complaints in future.

(c) At the time of release of new LPG connections, consumers are required to produce proof of residence in the form of ration card, rent receipt, employer's cer-

tificate, electricity bill or bank pass book. No such document is required when the LPG connection is to be transferred to some other distributor. At the time of release of the second cylinder, the subscription voucher in respect of the first cylinder is required in order to establish the identity of the customer.

Collaboration agreements by BHEL with foreign companies

2837. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the salient features of collaboration agreements entered into by BHEL with foreign companies through Indian agents including M/s. Menon Associates and Siemens India during the last three years;

(b) the fees/commissions paid/being paid to these parties by the foreign collaborations/BHEL in each case during the above period; and

(c) what are the details of export orders received by BHEL through its Indian/foreign agents during the last five years along with details of commissions paid by BHEL in rupees and foreign exchange to them?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) BHEL has not entered into any collaboration agreement with foreign companies through Indian agents as BHEL deals directly with the foreign companies.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Out of the total 98 export orders received during the last five years, only a few export orders were received through agents. The total value of 98 export orders is Rs. 110 crores approximately. The agency commissions paid/agreed to be paid are as per the guidelines of Government of India/Reserve Bank of India.

Order position of V.T. Pumps and Industrial Valves of BBVL, Calcutta

2838. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the position of orders for the supply of V.T. Pumps and industrial Valves placed with BBVL (Bharat Brakes and Valves Limited), Calcutta at present;

(b) whether there is any production department for V.T. Pumps which exist in BBVL, if so, what is the number of workmen employed in that department;

(c) what is the last date of receiving orders of industrial valves from established customers of BBVL;

(d) whether it is also a fact that casting of 10" gate valves of Sri Ramakrishna Steel Industry is lying in the custody of Kerala Transport Corporation since August 1986; and

(e) what is the cost of these industrial valve casting lying in the custody of Kerala Transport Corporation and what demurrage charges have accrued till date for not releasing the same?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) At present Bharat Brakes and Valves Ltd. (BBVL) is having orders for V.T. Pumps worth Rs. 2.13 lakhs and for Industrial Valves worth about Rs. 5.89 lakhs.

(b) Yes, Sir. The strength of the production department for V.T. Pumps is five workmen, of which for want of adequate work-load four workmen at present have been engaged in other jobs.

(c) The last order for supply of 63 Nos. Industrial Valves was received by BBVL from I.O.C.L. in July/August 1986.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The cost of these industrial valves casting lying in the custody of Kerala Transport Corporation is Rs one lakh (approximately) and the demurrage charge accrued till date is Rs. 50,000 (approx.)